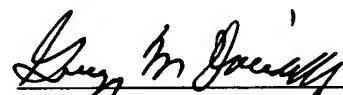


**REMARKS**

Applicant has accepted option III. from the Notice of Omitted Items, and has amended the Specification herein to reflect this election. Examination of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

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Figure 3 is an activity diagram showing the creation and publication of Policy Instances in a seller organization; and

Figure 4 is an activity diagram showing the creation and storage of a Product List Filter; ~~;~~

~~Figure 5 is a diagrammatic illustration of a manner of linking a Policy Set to a multi-tier Product List Filter;~~

~~Figure 6 is an activity diagram showing the governing of the conduct of business activities using as an example the negotiation and preparation of a contract; and~~

~~Figure 7 is a diagrammatic illustration Business Rule Book and Policy Set used in creating an e-commerce contract.~~

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED

The invention provides a system and method for creating a centralized representation of business policy, and for conducting business activities under the centralized representation of business policy.  
policy.

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The Business Rules Book and Policy Set are tied together under the business contract, which includes linking any Product List Filter(s) and user and organization profiles. Figure 5 illustrates an example of linking One example is the linking of a Policy Set having a multiple Folds to a multiple-tier PLF. A similar scenario applies when linking Policy Set Folds to different divisions or departments within an organization profile.

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When activated, an approved contract becomes the central business control component in the business activity aspect of the system and method of the invention. All other integrated processes reference the contract and related subsystems whenever a business activity is initiated. In effect, the contract becomes a processing entity through which business activities undertaken within the organization are routed, ~~as illustrated in Figure 7.~~